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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Quoiani)	
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Serial No.: 10/010,427)	Group Art Unit: 3676
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Filed: 11/30/2001)	Examiner: A. Pickard
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For: METALLIC SEAL COMPONENTS)	

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Response to Office Action

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated December 1, 2004.

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 7-9, 14, 15, 18 and 20-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Duncan (U.S. Patent No. 5,735,344) in view of Rogen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,515,213). In response to this same rejection in the Office Action of June 18, 2004, applicant argued that the combination of Duncan and Rogen failed to teach applicant's claimed invention because Duncan does not disclose a recessed sealing surface. In the present Office Action, the Examiner points out that Duncan's recessed sealing surface comprises the portion of the wellhead 11 which as shown in Figure 2 begins above the port 86 and ends by the reference number 38. After further review of

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Dear Examiner Pickard:

Enclosed in connection with the above-referenced application is a Response to Office Action, which is responsive to the Office Action dated December 1, 2004.


Sincerely,



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